

Status of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (previously presented) A method for administering use of a golf course
2 information system implemented in golf carts or other roving units with display monitor
3 adapted to provide display of any or all information from among course and hole layout,
4 course features and distance to assist a golfer in play of the golf course, or of specific interest
5 to the individual from external networks including tournament and individual scoring, stock
6 quotations and electronic mail to enhance the golfing experience, said method comprising the
7 steps of:

8 invoking a gratis trial period less than an entire round of play of the course during
9 which the cart display of such information is activated for a golfer commencing use of the
10 cart; and

11 automatically rendering said cart display of such information inactive at the end of
12 said gratis trial period unless, by that point of play, a payment authorization for completion of
13 the round with activated cart display has been made by a golfer using the cart.

1 2. (original) The method of claim 1, including the step of providing the golfer with a
2 capability to enter a payment authorization during or at the end of said gratis trial period.

1 3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of providing a capability to
2 enter payment authorization comprises outfitting the cart with said capability.

1 4. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said step of providing a capability to
2 enter payment authorization comprises locating a kiosk outfitted with said capability at a point
3 of play to be traversed by the cart during or at the end of said gratis trial period.

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1 5. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said capability comprises at least one of
2 a credit, debit or smart card reader, a paper currency reader, a keypad, a touch sensitive
3 screen, an optical scanner, a magnetic scanner, and a wireless communicator.

1 6. (previously presented) A method for administering use of a golf course
2 information system implemented in golf carts or other roving units with display monitor
3 adapted to provide display of any or all information from among course and hole layout,
4 course features and distance to assist a golfer in play of the golf course, or of specific interest
5 to the individual from external networks including tournament and individual scoring, stock
6 quotations and electronic mail to enhance the golfing experience, said method comprising the
7 steps of:

8 establishing a gratis trial period less than an entire round of play of the course during
9 which the cart display of such information is enabled for a golfer using the cart; and

10 disabling said cart display of such information at the end of said gratis trial period
11 unless, by that point of play, an act representing commitment of payment for completion of
12 the round with enabled cart display has been detected.

1 7. (previously presented) A method for administering use of a golf course
2 information system implemented in golf carts or other roving units with display monitor
3 adapted to provide display of any or all information from among course and hole layout,
4 course features and distance to assist a golfer in play of the golf course, or of specific interest
5 to the individual from external networks including tournament and individual scoring, stock
6 quotations and electronic mail to enhance the golfing experience, said method comprising the
7 steps of:

8 invoking a gratis trial period less than an entire round of play of the course during
9 which the cart display of such information is activated for a golfer commencing use of the
10 cart; and

11 automatically maintaining said cart display of such information active for completion
12 of the round if, by the end of said gratis trial period, a commitment of payment therefor has
13 been made by a golfer using the cart.

1 8. (original) A method for administering use of an information system implemented
2 in golf carts adapted to provide access to information available through said system to persons
3 using the carts during play of a golf course, said method comprising the steps of:

4 establishing a trial period at the start of play with a cart, less than an entire round of
5 play of the golf course, during which at least the bulk of said information is available for
6 access by the cart user, and

7 ending access to said available information by the cart user at the end of said trial
8 period absent a payment authorization for continued access during play of the round.

1 9. (original) Apparatus for administering use of an information system implemented
2 in golf carts adapted to provide access to information available through said system to persons
3 using the carts during play of a golf course, comprising:

4 said cart-implemented information system automatically establishing a trial period at
5 the start of play of a round of golf with a cart on said golf course, less than an entire round,
6 during which substantially all of said information is available for access by the cart user, and

7 entry means for detecting payment authorization by the end of said trial period for
8 enabling continued access to said available information beyond the end of said trial period.

1 10. (previously presented) A method of controlling the availability of information
2 presented to a user of a golf course mobile navigation system from within the system during
3 play of the course, wherein at least some of said information is presented relative to the real-
4 time position of the system as it traverses the course, to enhance play, said method comprising
5 the steps of:

6 providing a gratis trial period for full availability of said information to the user on
7 commencing use of the system, less than an entire round of play of the course, and

8 automatically curtailing the amount of said information available to the user at the end
9 of said trial period, unless payment authorization is given for continued full availability
10 thereafter.

1 11. (previously presented) Apparatus for controlling the availability of information
2 presented to a user of a golf course mobile navigation system from within the system during
3 play of the course, wherein at least some of said information is presented relative to the real-
4 time position of the system as it traverses the course, to enhance play, said apparatus
5 comprising:

6 means adapted to implement a trial period for full availability of said information to
7 the user on commencing use of the system, less than an entire round of play of the course, and

8 means responsive to completion of said trial period without a commitment to pay for
9 continued full availability of said information in further play of the round, for automatically
10 curtailing the amount of said information available to the user from the system thereafter.